



CLAIM:

What is claimed is:

1) a barrier reinforcement comprising:

one or more stopping assemblies attachable to the barrier to be reinforced, each comprising

a flexible cable member passing through or along

an elongated structural member with means to distribute loading and prevent cutting forces on the cable member when tension is applied to the cable,

passive catching means to catch a stopping means,

and two or more anchored and reinforced upright members on the protected side of the barrier, each having one or more stopping means to catch said assembly when the barrier is impacted,

2) the barrier reinforcement of claim 1 wherein the means to distribute loading and prevent cutting forces are smooth bends at either end of the elongated structural member so that the cable exits in the direction of the bends and forms a loop,

3) the barrier reinforcement of claim 1 wherein the means to reinforce the upright member is a structural member suspended within the upright member with positioning means to maintain the reinforcement in the desired location during installation.

- 4) the barrier reinforcement of claim 1 wherein the stopping means is attached to the upright members on both the side to be impacted by the catching means and approximately the opposite side of the upright member.